

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Archie R. Cole Middle School Library

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:04p.m. Executive Session, Dr. Gifford made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island §42-46-5(a) (2) Teacher Negotiations. Mrs. Winters seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mr. Clark Smith, and Mrs. Susan Records (arrived at 6:18p.m.). Mr. Jack Sommer was absent. Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Student Services; and Attorney Matthew Oliverio were also in attendance. Mrs. Maryanne Crawford was absent.

7:02p.m. Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was already in session.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Recognitions

The following recognitions were made:

- a. Justin Ferra-EGHS-2013 U.S. Paralympic High School Track and Field All- American**
- b. Peri Sheinin-EGHS-R.I. Interscholastic League Girls' Tennis State Singles Champion**
- c. EGHS Girls' Varsity Tennis Division I State Champions**
- d. EGHS Unified Volleyball State Champions**

V. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular and Executive for November 5, 2013**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Gifford, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes for November 5, 2013.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio reported that principals' are reviewing protocols for releasing students based on the incident that took place in Providence. The district has been working in concert with the EGPD in contacting families' regarding the possible rabid fox in the Frenchtown area. The EGPD sent out a reverse 911 call to area residents. Approximately 100 new email addresses were added to the district list serv for district announcements. Dr. Mercurio thanked the PTG presidents' for their assistance with the list serv. The Committee questioned whether email addresses from individual

schools should automatically be added to the district list serv.

VII. School Committee Concerns

Dr. Gifford would like an update on the bus monitor situation at the next meeting.

VIII. Action Items

a. Second Read/Adoption Policy #5420 Criminal Background Check

Language was added to read “Rhode Island” criminal background check. At the last School Committee meeting, background checks for contractors were discussed. The Policy Committee will draft a separate policy to manage contractors. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Gifford, the Committee voted 6-0 to adopt Policy #5420.

b. Second Read/Adoption Policy #6115 Volunteer Agreement/Statement of Confidentiality

Only minor revisions to language and the addition of an exclusion clause were added. Mrs. Records asked if staff members sign a student confidentiality agreement similar to the one signed by volunteers. Dr. Mercurio will check into the current process. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Gifford, the Committee voted 6-0 to adopt Policy #6115.

c. Appointments

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Gifford, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve appointment #1. Mrs. Records recused.

1. EGHS-Head Coach Boys' Basketball-Matthew Records

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve appointments #2-11.

2. EGHS-Asst Coach Boys' Basketball-Don Bowen

3. EGHS-Head Coach Boys' and Girls' Swim-Gina Hand

4. EGHS-Head Coach Boys' Hockey-Sean Fahey

5. EGHS-Volunteer Coach Boys' Hockey-Don Dunwoody

6. EGHS-Head Coach Boys' Indoor Track-Peter Dion

7. EGHS-Head Coach Girls' Indoor Track-Kyle Mushaweh

8. EGHS-Head Coach Girls' Basketball-Tori Ahrens

9. EGHS-Head Coach Wrestling-Mike Penza

10. EGHS Head Coach Competitive Cheerleading-Fay

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11. EGHS Volunteer Coach Competitive Cheerleading-Stacey

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IX. Sub Committee Updates

a. Policy Committee

Dr. Gifford said the Policy Committee met last week to discuss the Volunteer Agreement Policy, and drafts of the waiver and Internet safety policy. The next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2013 to review a second iteration of the waiver policy and the Internet safety policy. The district's dismissal policy will also be reviewed.

X. Discussion

a. New position- Performing and Visual Arts Department Chair

Dr. Mercurio provided a draft of possible responsibilities for a performing and visual arts department chair. The Committee

discussed their concerns regarding the absence of a chair and what the role should be. There was also discussion regarding position time and whether it should be a 90-day position or a department chair. The Committee asked Dr. Mercurio to look at specific duties relative to a department chair and present a proposal for School Committee action.

XI. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted

6-0 to adjourn at 8:00p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY